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Amendment to the Specification

After the title, please add the following new paragraph:

-- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/243,084, filed on October 25, 2000. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 8, with the following:

-- Discontinuities or voids are areas in the seed layer where coverage of the metal, such as copper, is incomplete or lacking. Such discontinuities can arise from insufficient blanket deposition of the metal layer, such as depositing the metal in a line of sight fashion. In order for a complete metal layer to be electrochemically deposited on such a seed layer, the discontinuities must be filled in prior to or during the deposition of the final metal layer, or else voids in the final metal layer may occur. For example, PCT patent application number WO 99/47731 (Chen) discloses a method of providing a seed layer by first vapor depositing an ultra-thin seed layer followed by electrochemically enhancing the ultra-thin seed layer to form final a seed layer. According to this patent application, such a two step process provides a seed layer having reduced discontinuities, i.e. areas in the seed layer where coverage of the seed layer is incomplete or lacking. --